

Broad Ees Dole gained local Nature Reserve status in October 2003, the first in Trafford.

SALE WATER PARK



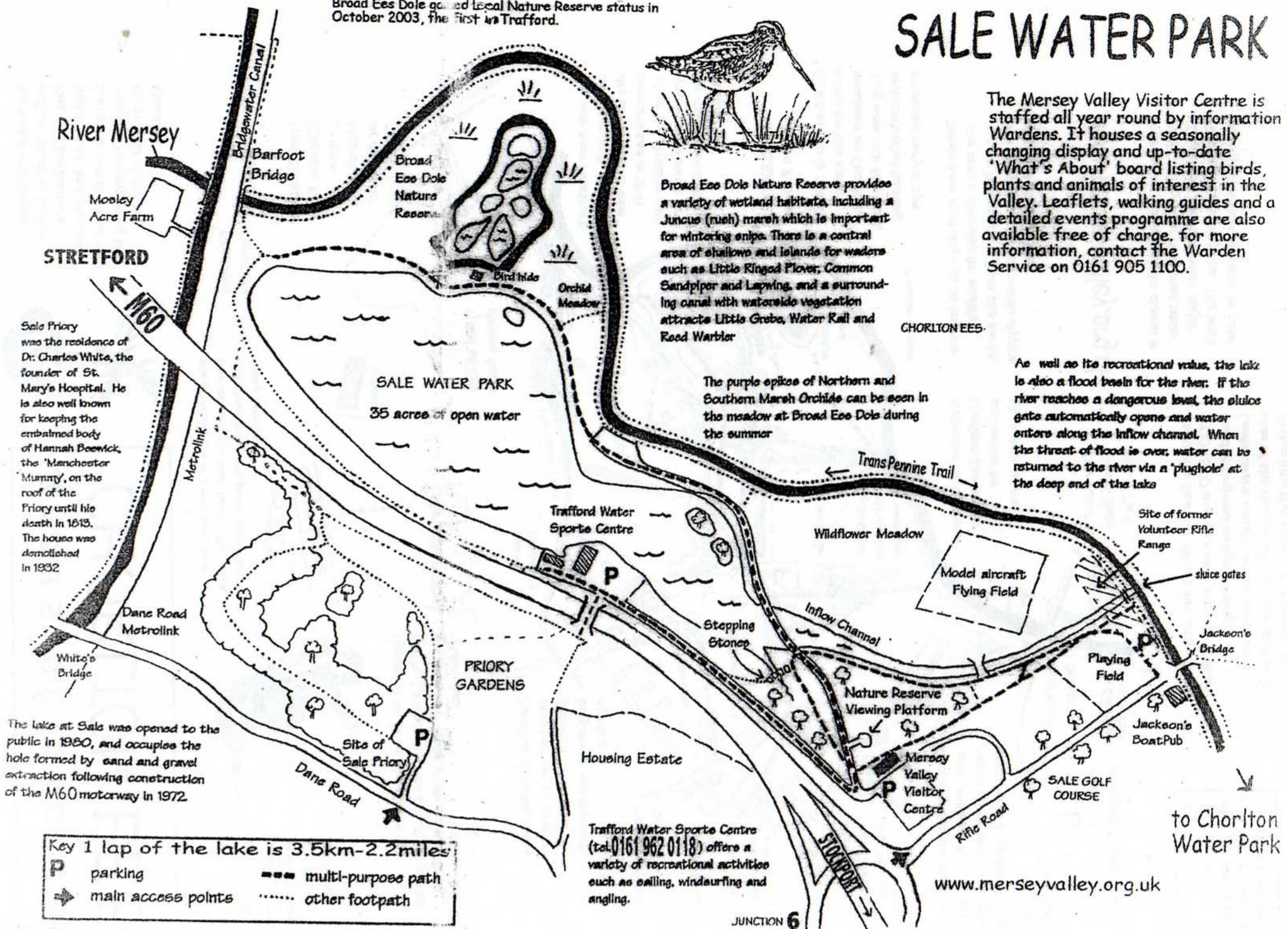
Broad Ees Dole Nature Reserve provides a variety of wetland habitats, including a Juncus (rush) marsh which is important for wintering snipe. There is a central area of shallow and islands for waders such as Little Ringed Plover, Common Sandpiper and Lapwing, and a surrounding canal with waterside vegetation attracts Little Grebe, Water Rail and Reed Warbler

CHORLTON EES

The Mersey Valley Visitor Centre is staffed all year round by information Wardens. It houses a seasonally changing display and up-to-date 'What's About' board listing birds, plants and animals of interest in the Valley. Leaflets, walking guides and a detailed events programme are also available free of charge. For more information, contact the Warden Service on 0161 905 1100.

As well as its recreational value, the lake is also a flood basin for the river. If the river reaches a dangerous level, the sluice gate automatically opens and water enters along the inflow channel. When the threat of flood is over, water can be returned to the river via a 'plughole' at the deep end of the lake

The purple spikes of Northern and Southern Marsh Orchids can be seen in the meadow at Broad Ees Dole during the summer



River Mersey
Mookey Acre Farm
STRETFORD
← M60

Sale Priory was the residence of Dr. Charles White, the founder of St. Mary's Hospital. He is also well known for keeping the embalmed body of Hannah Beech, the 'Manchester Mummy', on the roof of the Priory until his death in 1615. The house was demolished in 1932

The lake at Sale was opened to the public in 1980, and occupies the hole formed by sand and gravel extraction following construction of the M60 motorway in 1972

Key 1 lap of the lake is 3.5km-2.2miles
P parking
 → main access points
 - - - multi-purpose path
 other footpath

Trafford Water Sports Centre (tel. 0161 962 0118) offers a variety of recreational activities such as sailing, windsurfing and angling.

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